THE SWORD INTERVAL

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Damn...

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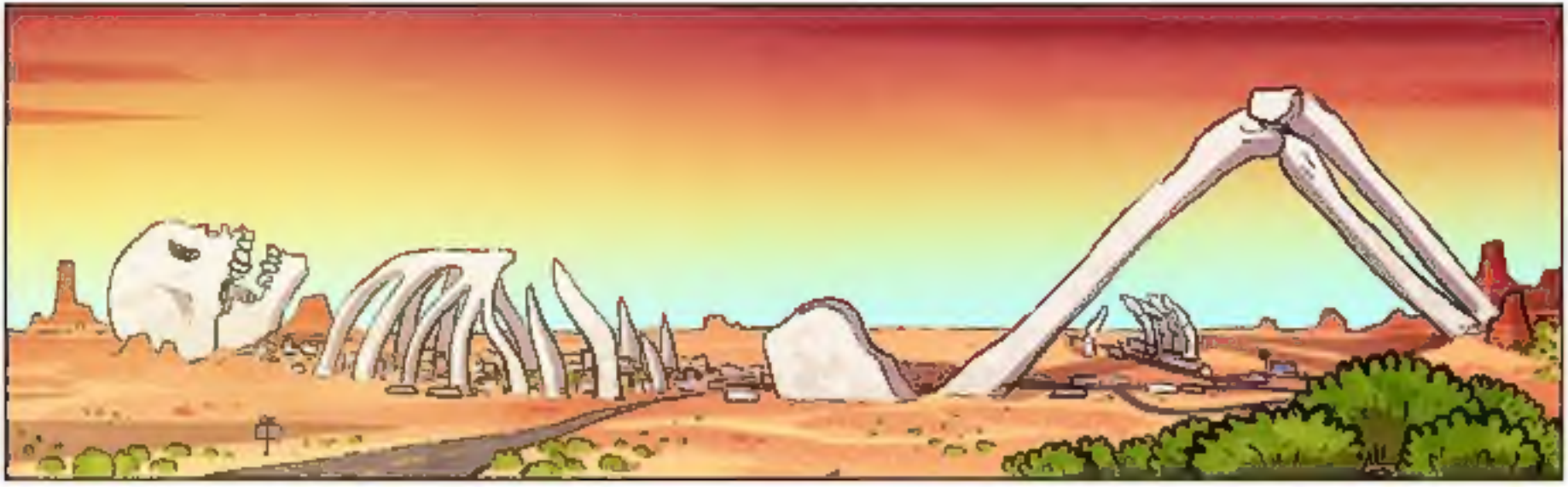
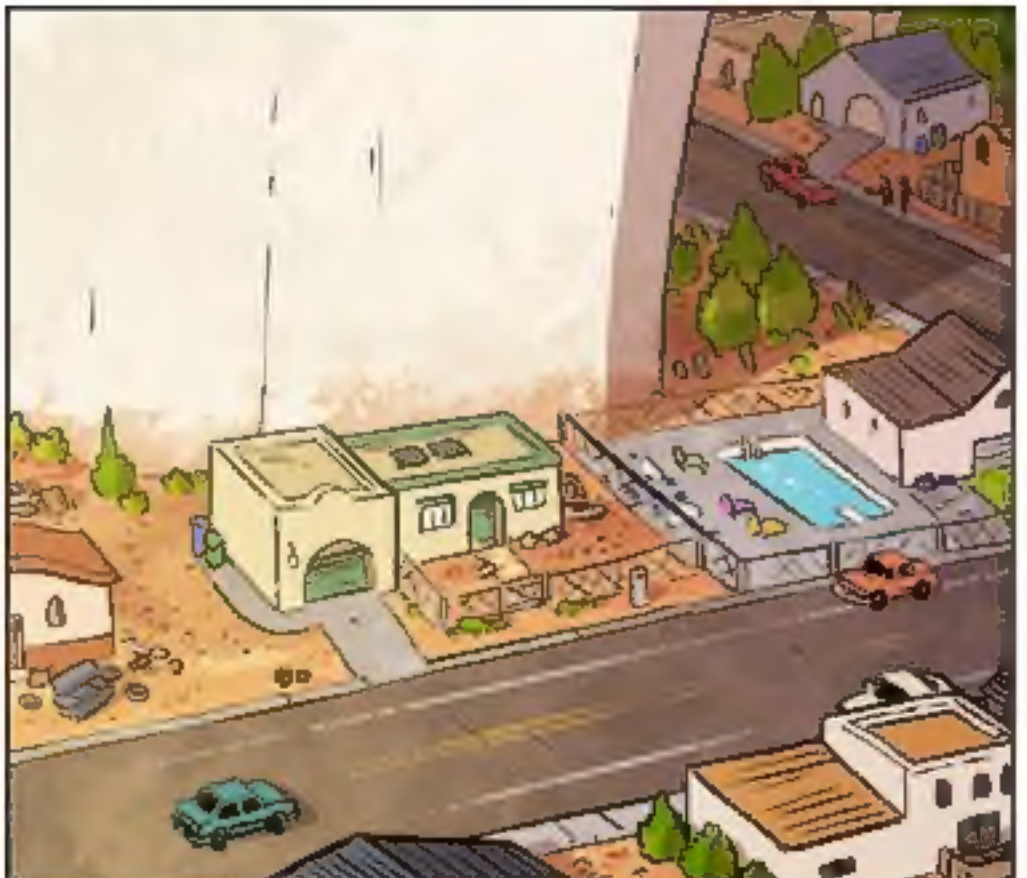
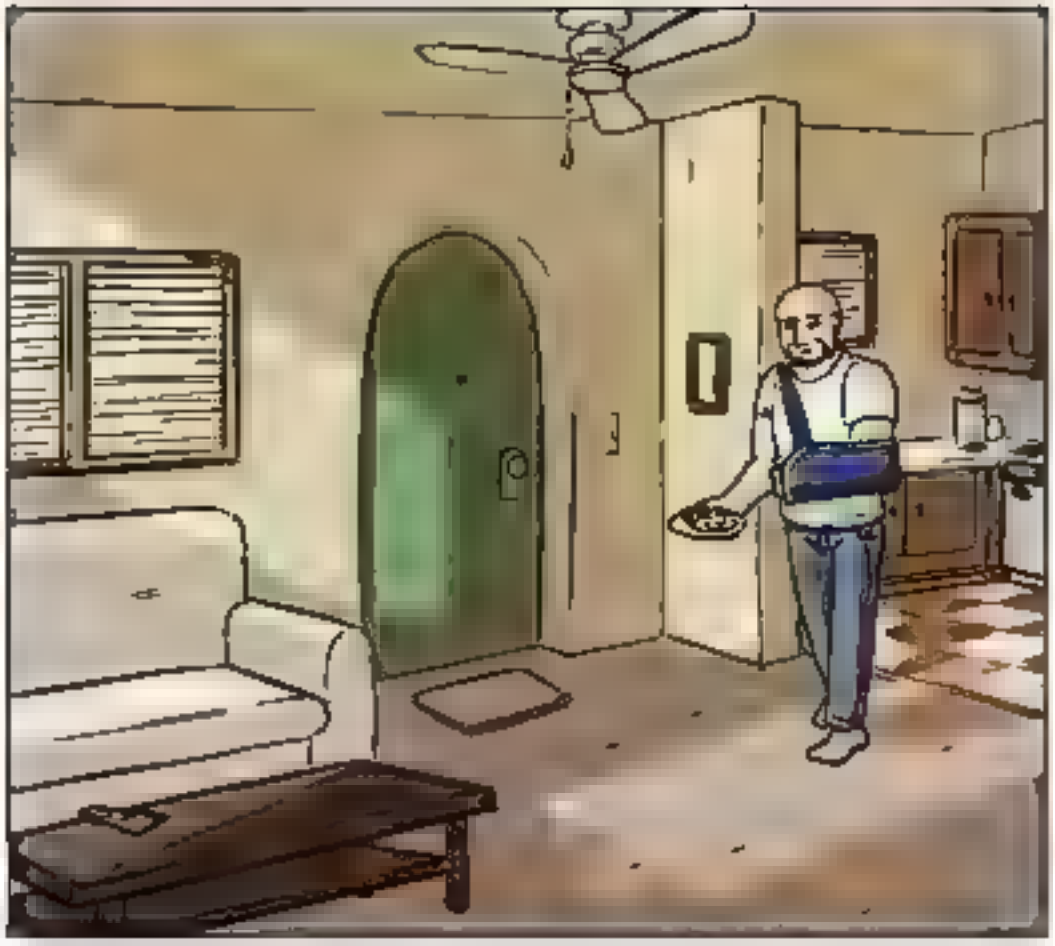
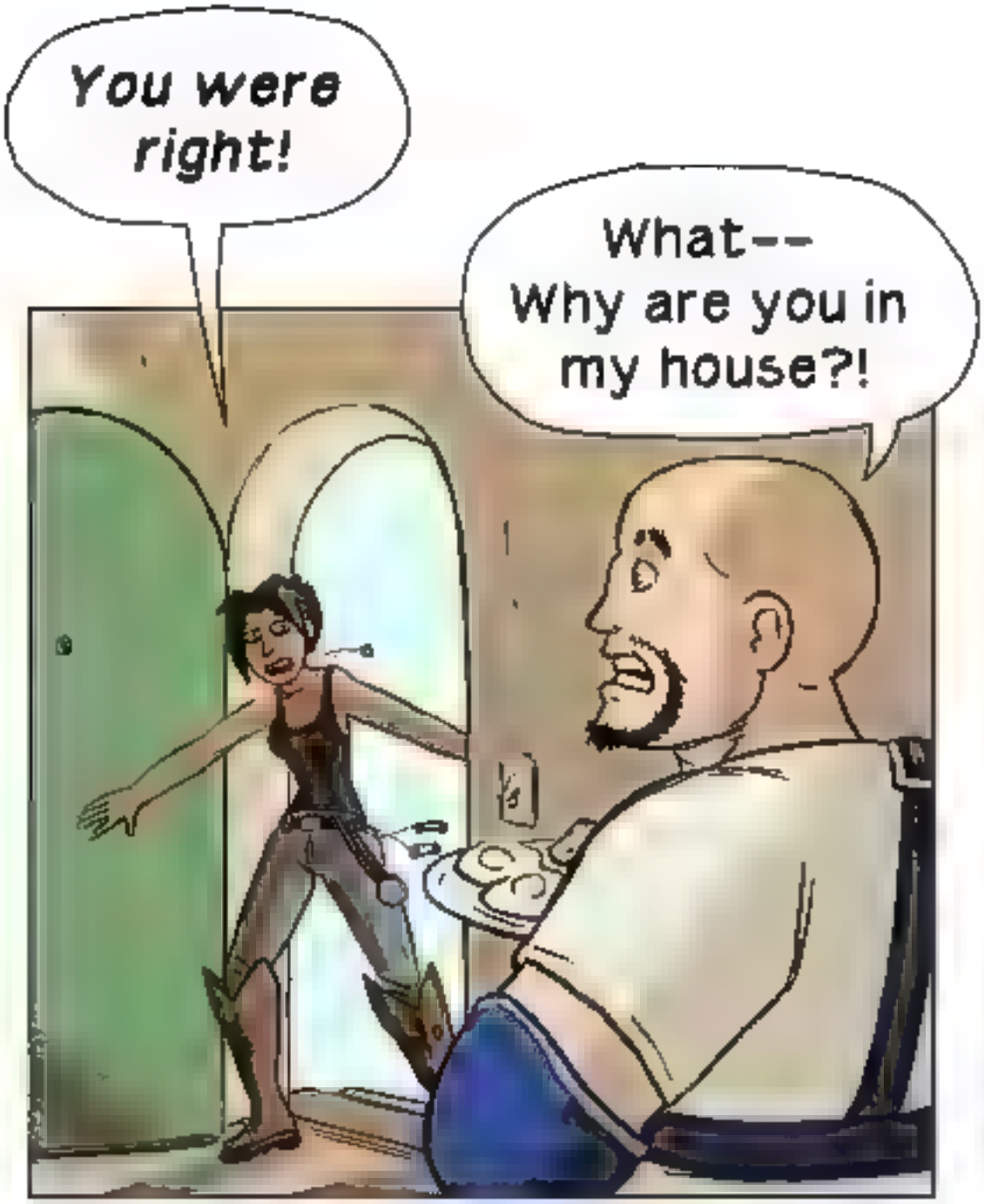
MATTRESS KING

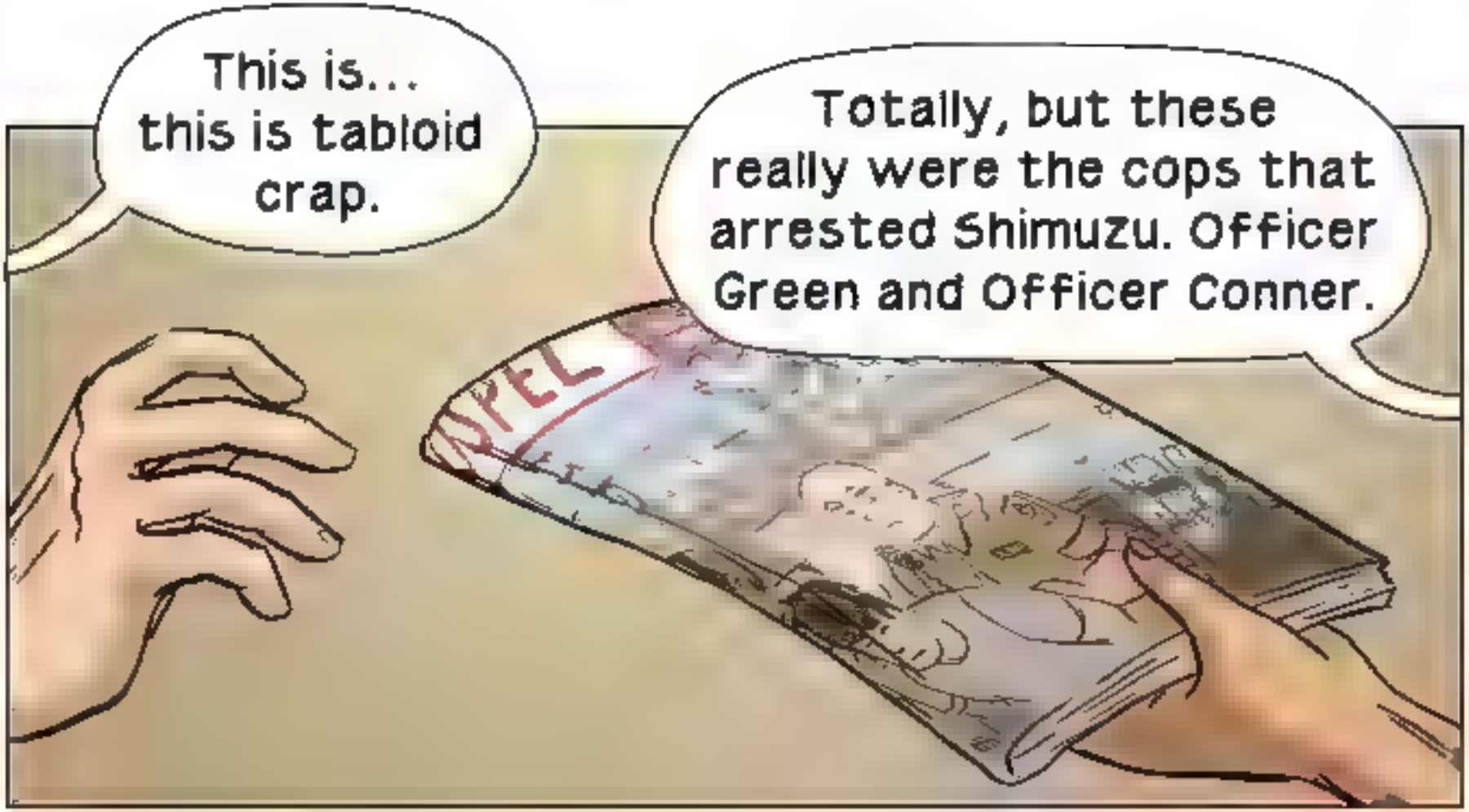


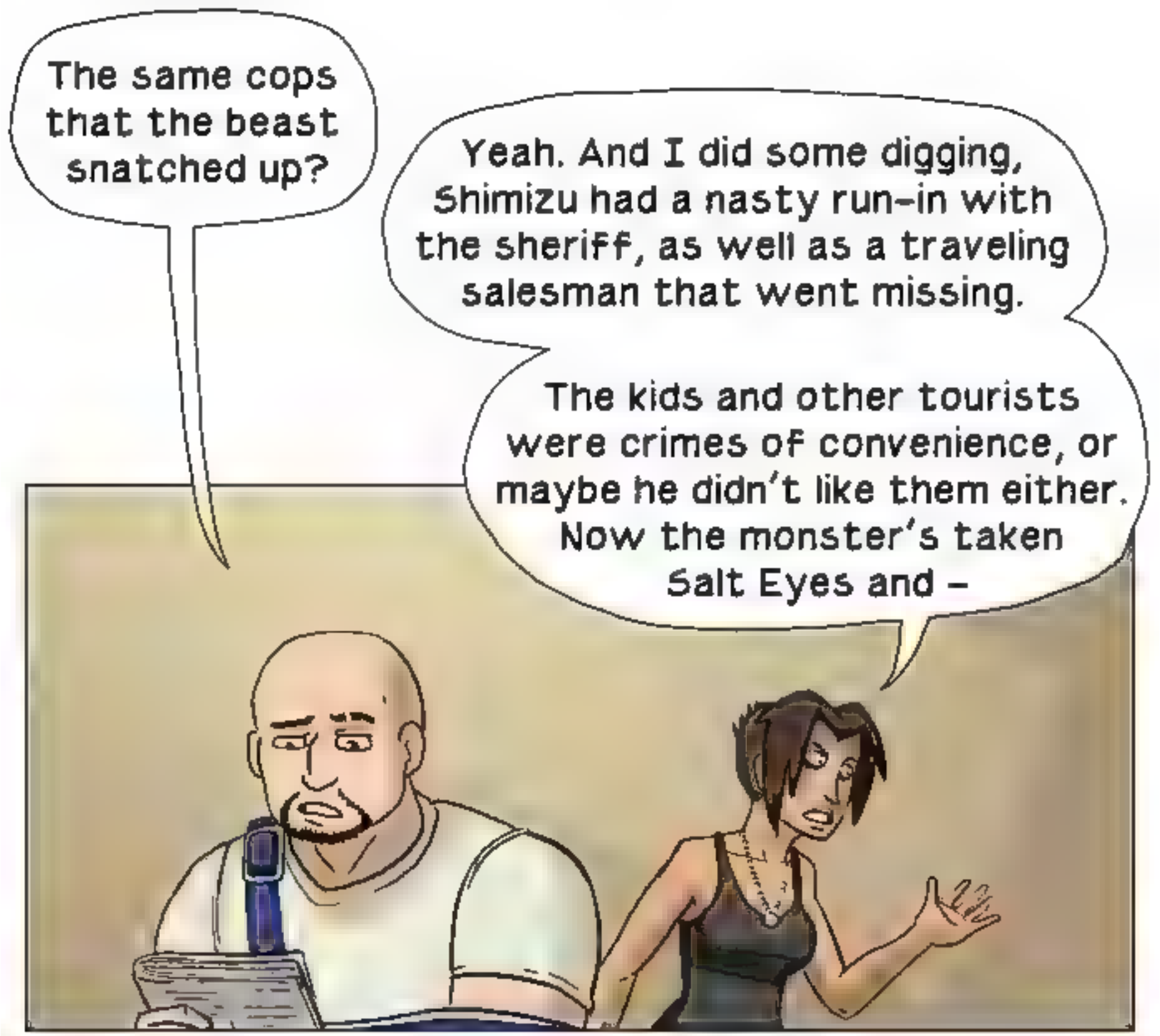


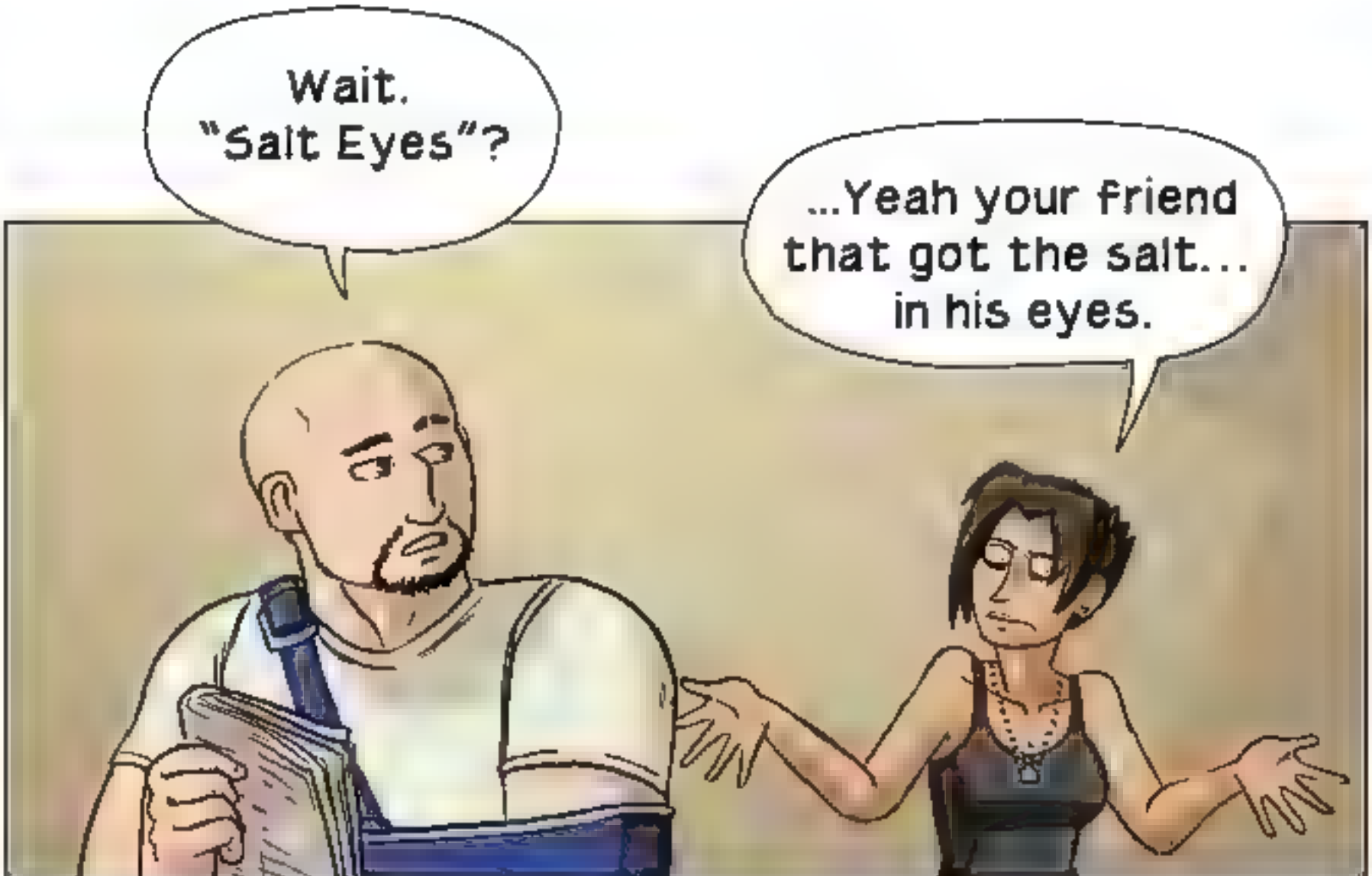



You were right!
What-- Why are you in my house?!

Cause I think you were right. I think Shimizu is responsible for the monster.
Huh?


This is... this is tabloid crap.
Totally, but these really were the cops that arrested Shimuzu. Officer Green and Officer Conner.


The same cops that the beast snatched up?
Yeah. And I did some digging, Shimizu had a nasty run-in with the sheriff, as well as a traveling salesman that went missing.
The kids and other tourists were crimes of convenience, or maybe he didn't like them either. Now the monster's taken Salt Eyes and –


Wait. "Salt Eyes"?
...Yeah your friend that got the salt... in his eyes.

It took Paul?!
Yeah, Paul!

There were a lot of unpaid bills at Shimizu's place. I think he's trying to make a comeback.

I think he summoned the monster, or made a pact with it I dunno, and he's having it snatch people up until there's a bounty on it.

Then he can drive it off and collect. *Bam!* Praise and a paycheck!

That's crazy.
But it makes sense, right?

And if he's going through with this anyway, why not abduct people he's got a beef with?
Wait so...

Yeah!
I think you and your friend might be next.

And that gives us a chance to bait a trap.